

PATENT

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In re patent application of

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For: SULFONATED AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES AND METALLOPROTEINASE INHIBITORS CONTAINING THE SAME

AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

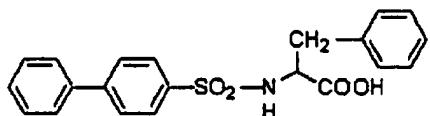
Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

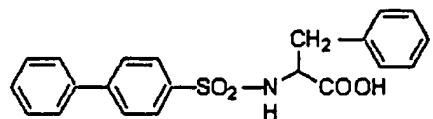
Please add the following new claims 34-36:

34. (New) A compound of the formula



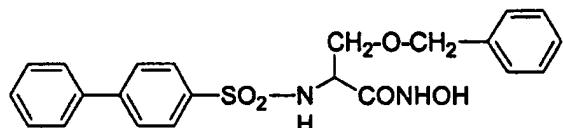
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof.

35. (New) A method for inhibiting a matrix metalloproteinase by administering a matrix metalloproteinase inhibiting amount of a compound of the formula



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